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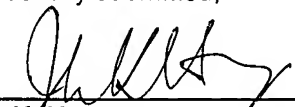
In accordance with the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due mailed July 19, 2007, applicant is submitting herewith the Issue Fee Transmittal (Part B).

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Also enclosed by separate cover are "COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE." It is requested that these comments be made of record in the instant application.

In closing, please make note of the correct title which was amended by way of a June 23, 2005 amendment. The correct title for the instant application should read "**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING EXECUTION OF A COMPUTER OPERATION**." Applicant requests that the title of this application be updated to reflect the correct above-noted amended title.

Respectfully submitted,



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COMMENT ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

This Comment On Statement Of Reasons For Allowance is filed in reply to the July 19, 2007 Notice of Allowability. Applicant respectfully objects to the Examiner's statement.

The invention is defined by the claims, *i.e.*, by each claim taken as a whole. The prior art does not disclose, suggest, or make obvious the claimed invention. Applicant respectfully objects to the statements by the Examiner characterizing the claimed invention.

With respect to claims 1-5, 7, 10-22 and 25-26, the Examiner's Statement Of Reasons For Allowance states:

Claim 1 recites a method of regulating executing execution of a computer operation, comprising: reading one or more parameters specified with the computer operation; determining if the computer operation requires a plug-in and if not, executing the computer operation, wherein the at least one plug-in comprises an authorization plug-in; if the computer operation requires at least

one plug-in, filtering any required plug-in parameters from the one or more parameters specified with the computer operation; determining whether all required plug-in parameters for the at least one plug-in have been specified; terminating the at least one plug-in with failure if not all the required plug-in parameters have been specified; executing the at least one plug-in if all the required plug-in parameters have been specified, comprising attempting to obtain authorization for executing the computer operation, wherein obtaining authorization includes checking to see whether a value of at least one required plug-in parameter matches a value of at least one authorization parameter, and wherein the at least one authorization parameter is generated using a license key generating tool, and executing the computer operation if the at least one plug-in terminates with success, wherein the at least one plug-in regulates execution of the computer operation. The prior art on record either taken singularly or in combination fail to teach or suggest all the above limitation specifically the prior art fails to teach "wherein obtaining authorization includes checking to see whether a value of at least one required plug-in parameter matches a value of at least one authorization parameter, and wherein the at least one authorization parameter is generated using a license key generating tool, and executing the computer operation if the at least one plug-in terminates with success, wherein the at least one plug-in regulates execution of the computer operation."

Independent claim 13 has similar limitations as independent claim 1 is therefore allowed for similar reasons above.

The above statement does not accurately reflect the invention as recited in claims 1-5, 7, 10-22 and 25-26. Furthermore, the above statement is merely a paraphrase of a portion of one of the allowed claims.

Applicant respectfully objects to this statement. Applicant asserts that the cited prior art, considered as a whole, fails to teach or suggest each and every element of the invention that is recited in each claim. Thus, the claims are allowable over the cited prior art.

Applicant respectfully requests that the above comments be placed in the file and made of record.

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